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TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Tonight's Speakers Include:
 - Dr. Matt Poling, a family medicine physician, who will be talking to us about his journey in medicine.
 - Sgt. Yosten, who will be speaking about medical career opportunities in the Army
 - Karan Hooda, our Kaplan representative, who will be discussing the MCAT prep options Kaplan offers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In order to officially become a member (and earn points), you **MUST** fill out a membership form and pay dues! Dues are \$45 for the semester or \$65 for the full year. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or through online credit card payment.
- **VOLUNTEERING:** You must be a member to volunteer and are required to wear your Pre-Med Society shirt, long pants, and closed toed shoes.
 - St. Joseph's Orientation—February 11th after the ECHO meeting around 8 pm.
- Start earning your points this semester to be invited on the Medical School Tour Field Trip and earn membership awards at banquet!
- **MCAT Prep Course Scholarship** applications are due February 11th! Interviews will be conducted in the ten days following the deadline. Scholarships will be awarded based primarily off of financial need. If you will be taking the MCAT soon, apply for the chance to win a free prep course. We also have **MCAT Prep discounts** for all members of Pre-Med Society so talk to our VP, Liam, for more info!
- We will be playing volleyball intramurals this semester! Our game times will be Mondays 8:40/9:30pm. Talk to our Historian, Tori, for more information on how to join the team.

POINT OPPORTUNITIES

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| Pre-Med meeting Attendance | 3 Points |
| ECHO Meeting Attendance | 2 Points |
| Wearing Pre-Med shirt at any meeting | 1 Point |
| Intramural Game Attendance | 2 Points |
| Social Event Attendance | 3 Points |
| One Hour of Volunteering | 1 Point |

MEMBERSHIP

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| Exemplary | 100 Points |
| Distinguished | 75 Points |
| Honored | 50 Points |
| Member | <50 Points |

The points system is used to determine our members' participation within the society. The various echelons of awarded membership allow one to truly benefit from all the society has to offer and to capitalize on this involvement during the medical school application process.

Member of the Week

Our member of the week is
Heather Rhodes!

Congratulations! We really appreciate all you do to be involved in Pre-Med Society!



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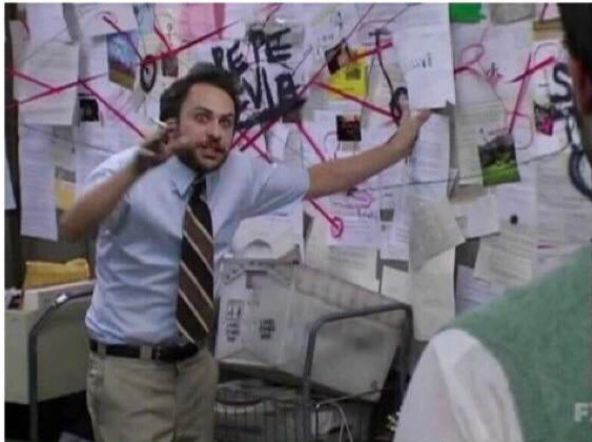
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Interviewer: Can you tell me more about your research?

Me:



Practice MCAT Question

Which of the following amino acids has a net negative charge at physiological pH (~7.4)?

- A.) Glutamic acid
- B.) Histidine
- C.) Lysine
- D.) Asparagine

UPCOMING EVENTS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 Pre-Med Meeting 7-8pm | 5 Phoebe's Home Volunteering 5-7pm | 6 | 7 St. Joseph's Volunteering 2-4pm | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 ECHO Meeting 7-8pm St. Joe's Orientation 8pm | 12 Phoebe's Home Volunteering 5-7pm | 13 Valentine's Day Social 5-8pm | 14 St. Joseph's Volunteering 2-4pm Happy Valentine's Day! | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Pre-Med Meeting 7-8pm | 19 Phoebe's Home 5-7pm | 20 Philanthropy Profit Share! | 21 St. Joseph's Volunteering 2-4pm | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 ECHO Meeting 7-8pm | 26 Phoebe's Home 5-7pm | 27 | 28 St. Joseph's Volunteering 2-4pm | 29 |
| 1 Start of March | 2 | 3 Pre-Med Meeting 7-8pm | 4 Phoebe's Home 5-7pm | 5 | 6 St. Joseph's Volunteering 2-4pm | 7 Happy Spring Break! |

MHMR Volunteering

Available daily Monday through Friday anytime from **10 am—2 pm**

NOTE: Volunteering opportunities are meant for members to attend as they please. We will offer rides to Phoebe's Home and St. Joseph's.

Check your volunteering requirements! (orientation/application/vaccines)

DUES AND MERCHANDISE

\$45 membership dues for one **semester**

\$65 membership dues for the **full year**

Dues include a New T-Shirt

New T-Shirts - **\$15**

Old T-Shirts - **\$5**

Athletic Shirts - **\$12**

Hats - **\$15**

Fleeces - **\$50**

UPCOMING OPSA WORKSHOPS

ECHO Healthcare Symposium

- February 25th, 10:00am—2:00pm

First Year Informational

- February 27th, 5:30pm—6:30pm

Medical/Dental Portal Workshops

- February 6th, 5:30pm—6:30pm

Medical Portal Workshops are required if you plan to attend medical school in Fall 2021! You'll need to attend THIS Spring 2020! (typically applies to Juniors)

WHO, China leaders discuss next steps in battle against coronavirus outbreak

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, today met President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China in Beijing. They shared the latest information on the novel coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV) outbreak and reiterated their commitment to bring it under control.

Dr Tedros was joined by WHO Regional Director Dr Takeshi Kasai and Executive Director of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme Dr Mike Ryan, and also met State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi and Minister of Health Ma Xiaowei.

The National Health Commission presented China's strong public health capacities and resources to respond and manage respiratory disease outbreaks. The discussions focused on continued collaboration on containment measures in Wuhan, public health measures in other cities and provinces, conducting further studies on the severity and transmissibility of the virus, continuing to share data, and for China to share biological material with WHO. These measures will advance scientific understanding of the virus and contribute to the development of medical countermeasures such as vaccines and treatments.

The two sides agreed that WHO will send international experts to visit China as soon as possible to work with Chinese counterparts on increasing understanding of the outbreak to guide global response efforts.

"Stopping the spread of this virus both in China and globally is WHO's highest priority," said Dr Tedros. "We appreciate the seriousness with which China is taking this outbreak, especially the commitment from top leadership, and the transparency they have demonstrated, including sharing data and genetic sequence of the virus. WHO is working closely with the government on measures to understand the virus and limit transmission. WHO will keep working side-by-side with China and all other countries to protect health and keep people safe."

The WHO mission comes as the number of people confirmed with the virus rose to over 4500 globally on 28 January, the greatest number being in China.

The WHO delegation highly appreciated the actions China has implemented in response to the outbreak, its speed in identifying the virus and openness to sharing information with WHO and other countries.

Much remains to be understood about 2019-nCoV. The source of the outbreak and the extent to which it has spread in China are not yet known. While the current understanding of the disease remains limited, most cases reported to date have been milder, with around 20% of those infected experiencing severe illness. Both WHO and China noted that the number of cases being reported, including those outside China, is deeply concerning. Better understanding of the transmissibility and severity of the virus is urgently required to guide other countries on appropriate response measures.

WHO is continually monitoring developments and the Director-General can reconvene the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee on very short notice as needed. Committee members are on stand-by and are informed regularly of developments.

Article Published on Jan 28th, 2020

Article Source: World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/28-01-2020-who-china-leaders-discuss-next-steps-in-battle-against-coronavirus-outbreak>

MCAT Question Answer: A

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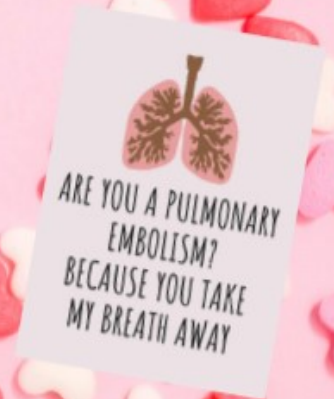
VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL

*Share the love on February 13, 2020
from 5 PM - 8 PM*

Meet at:
Z-Islander Apartments
(located at 3803 Wellborn Rd, Bryan, TX
77801)



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Talk to our Events Coordinator,
Grace Rustom, if you have any
questions! We would love to see
you there!